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Front Cover

Luna #3794 ~ Let me tell you how Luna #3795 came into my life...even before she arrived in Canada. I became a first-time Golden owner in April 2021 when I got my first Golden, who is an old soul and the Buddha of all dogs. I then joined a Facebook page for Golden retrievers, and on there, people mentioned Golden Rescue. I always wanted two dogs and vowed that my second one would be a rescue, so I submitted an adoption application.

Luna came to Canada on November 8, 2021 from Cairo, Egypt, and after clearing customs after a long wait, she finally came out of her crate. I thought my heart was already full, but it was literally bursting at the seams. I still tear up when I think about the moment of meeting this beautiful soul.

My sweet Luna ~ she's definitely a goddess in animal form. It's been said that Luna was a goddess of heaven and the full moon. Well, this Egyptian Luna is stunning ~ she stops people in their tracks with her deep red mahogany colour. Her eyes are the colour of gratitude and she's like a small child who runs everywhere, because she simply has so much to take in.

The moment we met, we bonded. We had a little chat and I told her, "Luna girl, I am not sure I will always know what you need but I will figure it out. You deserve

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LUNA #3795



POPPY WITH LUNA #3795

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I Love You to the ‘Luna’ and Back

the love of a fur-ever home and wait until you meet your sweet sister, Piper. This life was made for you. Welcome to your family Luna”.

I don’t know Luna’s story nor how long she was at the shelter. Her profile said the kids went back to school and no longer needed their summer toy, so they gave her away. I can tell she had a family with children because she lights up when she sees kids. She loves kids, especially my nephew who lets me know all the time that Luna is his.

Luna’s first few weeks (as I imagine for many rescues) were a big adjustment and pretty intense. I will be honest, I doubted myself at times, whether I was the owner Luna needed. She was resource guarding and there were moments of scary growling, lunging, and aggressive barking... and she was sometimes mean towards Piper. My volunteer contact at Golden Rescue was an excellent resource and she supported me every moment through my emotional waves. I reached out to two different trainers and they both said, “keep both dogs safe, but give Luna time as she has gone through so much, so your first priority is to help her feel safe and loved and then work on training”. So, I stopped thinking about whether I was right for her and said to myself “not all things come easily but it doesn’t mean it’s not worth it”. Ohhhhhh...she’s worth every bit of love and effort.

At first Luna was afraid of the voices on the TV and I would put the captions on to watch TV. Now she likes watching hockey on Saturday nights and dog TV. She could not walk on sidewalks as the noise was too loud. She hoarded everything she

could get but at the same time, she was always highly pleasing...she wanted to learn and she was always watching me and I could see her eyes saying, “Please love me and we’ll get through this”. I would reassure her and we worked through her issues with positive reinforcement, redirecting, and lots of play-time.

Five months later, this sweet girl is amazing off leash. She loves the Canadian winter, runs in the woods each and every time like it’s her first time, and fetching balls and running are her favourite activities. She snuggles like crazy in bed in the morning, loves her sister now, and is minimally guarding. She can still be intense as her prey drive can be high. Some behaviours may never fully go away, but we can work with all of it, with proper supervision and management.

She goes into all the stores with me and she is such a big hit that I have to allot extra time for her social interactions. She’s learning to swim and she loves to dance.

This goddess may have been born far away but the stars aligned for us ~ in finding our way to one another. I thank Golden Rescue for helping Luna get to Canada. Golden Rescue makes second chances possible. Luna has a deep gratitude in her soul that I have never experienced. She does not owe me one thing, she does not have to earn her love, she does not have to please me to stay... she just has to be Luna in her mere existence and that is more than enough. Life is better with Luna!

Cheryl



MEET & GREET



Wrigley #3782

WRIGLEY #3782
(FRONT) & FRIENDS

Life has changed for our family as of November 2nd when our newest addition, Wrigley, arrived from Istanbul on Flight #186 to Vancouver. It was a long wait at the airport but worth every minute. This little boy has turned our house upside down and we could not be happier. The night he arrived, we drove to Chilliwack, where his first Canadian night was spent in a hotel in a king-sized bed. He had a shower and ate like a king. Our next adventure together started when we drove to Kelowna to meet the rest of the crew. Wrigley, aka Riggs, spent two hours running and playing with his new big brother Louie, also an adopted Golden. By the time they were done, they were filthy. Our backyard did not know what hit it! Therefore, Riggs had another shower, this time with his brother. Riggs is a typical little brother who literally hangs off of Louie's leg and tries to play all day long. Since meeting Riggs at the airport, he is

our shadow, always around our feet ~ we cannot tell you how many times we have tripped or fallen over him. Riggs also has a sister, Olive, our family cat. It's pretty clear, she hates him. It's fun to watch their interaction and we're hoping that, in time, she will warm up to him like she has with our other dogs. Riggs, Louie, and Olive will live their best lives together. We also have a cottage in the Shuswap area where winters will be filled with fun on the frozen lake playing hockey with the kids and swimming and bonfires in the summer. It's been a great experience adopting a rescue. One of our favourite things about Riggs is that he loves to snuggle ~ it's impossible to lay on the bed or couch without him right beside us. I wouldn't change a thing about him or our experience.

Corinne & Mike

THE GREAT CANADIAN GIVING CHALLENGE

From June 1st through June 30th every dollar donated to Golden Rescue through CanadaHelps.org or givingchallenge.ca, automatically enters us for a chance to win \$20,000. Give a little...give a lot... every dollar helps.



GOLDEN ANGELS



We'd like to recognize some outstanding volunteers. Meet golden angels with golden hearts.

Airport Volunteers

Golden Rescue has rescued over 1,500 Golden Retrievers from overseas. This has been a monumental task that has involved a huge number of volunteers, including the placement team, the foster team, and those looking after our supporting vets and ongoing Golden care...not to mention our amazing international partners in Cairo and Istanbul. Perhaps the largest group, however, are those angels who look after the mountain of work that actually has to be done for all airport arrivals.

It all starts with our amazing transport team with Julie Marriott at the helm with Robyn Scott and Allen Schiller working by her side. They organize everyone for each flight ~ getting customs paperwork ready pre-flight, letting FTA families know all the details, arranging for volunteers to either take care of customs or as greeters, arranging transporters or hosts if needed, and arranging for crates to be picked-up.

Some of the work we do at Golden Rescue is not glamorous and isn't visible to most but without our customs paperwork volunteers, our international Golden Retrievers would not gain entry into Canada. They deal with all customs issues often enduring long waits and dealing with glitches

that arise...and they do it graciously. The folks who are the greeters, wait for flight parents, call the foster-to-adopt families, take the Golden Retrievers out of their crates, and pass the Kleenex around to all the teary families. Together, all these airport angels ensure the success of our international program. Thank you all...you really are amazing, even when it takes hours longer than expected.

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As you can see, it really does take a village. Thank you all VERY much!



MONTREAL



TORONTO



VANCOUVER

A Different Kind of ‘Tick Talk’

When I first started working as a small animal veterinarian in downtown Toronto, I would rarely discuss tick borne disease with my clients as it never really seemed to be much of an issue unless you were traveling internationally with your pet. Today, ticks are top of mind for most clients as these pests are now endemic in most parts of Ontario, Quebec, and The Maritimes.

There are several tick species in Canada, but the one of greatest concern is the Black Legged Tick (deer tick) as it is a known vector of Lyme Disease. How Lyme Disease affects dogs is still a bit of a mystery. Most clinical cases will present with stiffness and lethargy but often dogs test positive for Lyme Disease yet have no clinical signs. The question remains, if they test positive and are not treated, will they eventually start to show clinical signs. Lyme Disease is caused by a bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, that can be transferred from tick to host after a bite. Infections tend to respond well to the antibiotic, doxycycline, if caught early enough.

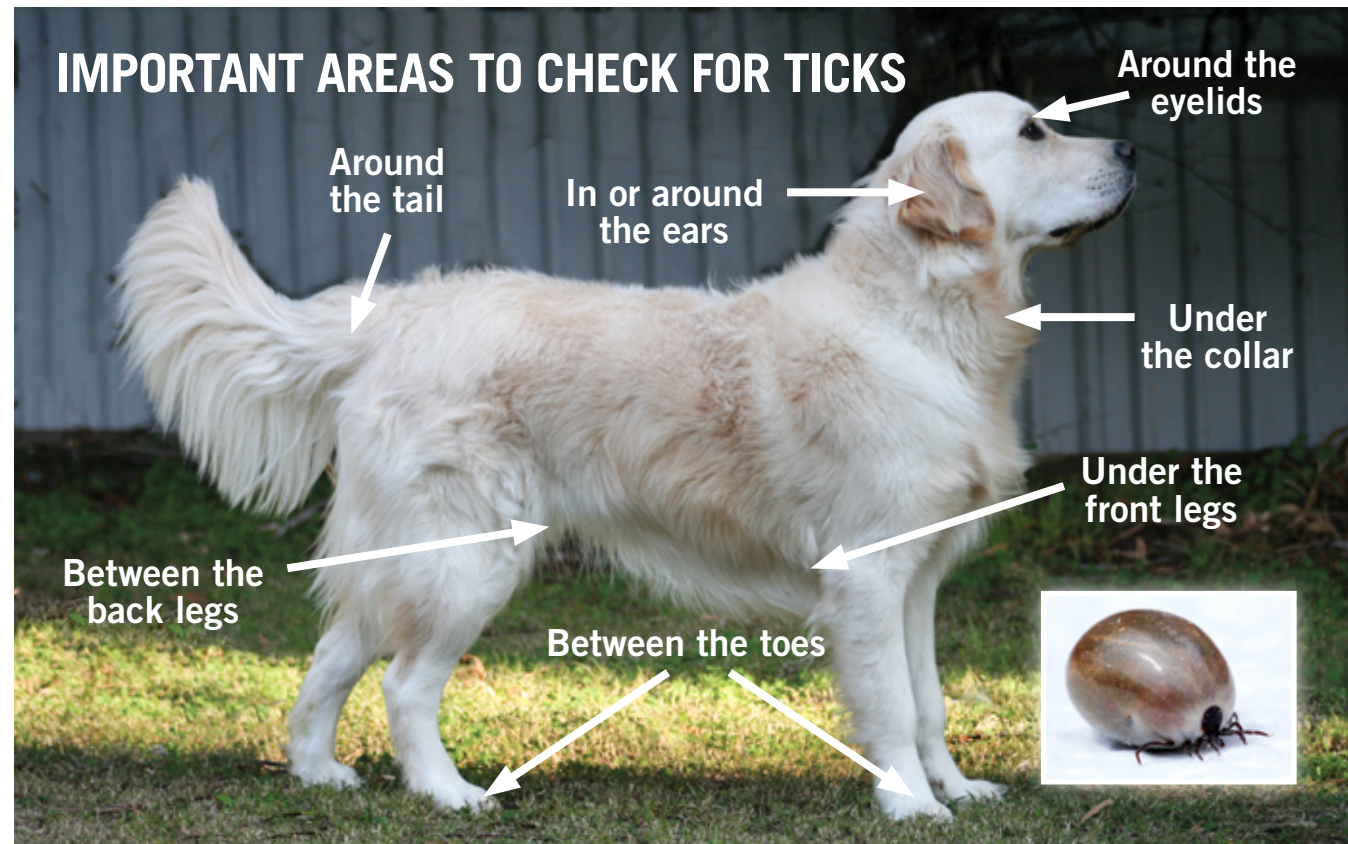
I recommend testing my patients yearly for tick borne diseases. Most veterinary clinics will recommend running a 4dx blood test. This test only requires a few drops of blood and checks for three tick diseases (Lyme, Ehrlichia, and Anaplasmosis) and checks for the presence of heartworm disease.

The best way to prevent your dog from getting a tick infestation is to avoid bush walks in long grasses and to keep your pet on year-round prevention. If you do take your pet camping or hiking, then I recommend checking them for

ticks on a daily basis and having them removed as soon as possible if one is spotted. Remember, ticks can be sneaky. Check between toes, under tails, and inside the ears. Taking a tick off is not easy and you need to be sure you remove the tick and its mouthparts. I would advise having your veterinarian remove any attached ticks to ensure it’s done properly or educating yourself on the best removal methods. If you do live in a Lyme endemic area, then you may want to ask

your veterinarian about the canine Lyme vaccine, as it has been shown to be effective at preventing infection.

**By Dr. Scott Bainbridge,
Dundas West
Animal Hospital**



THE TRAINING CORNER



TRAINING IS SIMPLE...BUT IT'S NOT EASY

I'm currently taking another course on advanced behavioural dog training and something the presenter said to me really hit home and that is "training is simple, but it's not easy".

It's very true! Training a dog is not rocket science. It's not like learning algebra or performing heart surgery. Even training children can be challenging. So why should dog training be any easier? Our biggest struggle as humans is that we forget that our dog is just that, a dog. It's not human, but as humans we tend to try to humanize them, and that's our downfall.

One of our first hurdles is that our dogs don't communicate verbally. The only verbal communication they offer is barking or growling. When they do bark, most of us tell them to be quiet. By the way, never tell or reprimand a dog for growling. That's their warning signal for you or whoever to stop. Dogs instead communicate through body language and are masters at it. This is also why they pick up on hand signals much faster than words.

As humans, we talk all the time. Even when we speak to our dogs, we speak in sentences. Dogs, at adulthood (usually about two years of age) only have the ability to learn approximately 165 to 200 words. That's not much considering we use approximately 20,000 words in daily conversation. Our constant chatter becomes white

noise to our dogs. This is no different from when we turn on the radio or television for background noise ~ a lot of the time, we're not really listening to it.

I don't know how many times I have purposely turned on the radio to hear the weather and then completely missed it because I got busy with something else. This is what our constant chattering is like for our dogs.

There are some words that our dogs seem to learn much faster than others such as dinner, cookie, treat, etc. I just have to say carrots or melon and my dogs come running because they love those foods. Dogs quickly learn the words that are important to them. "Sit", "down" or "stay" aren't important to them. Those words are important to us. That's why training our dog is not easy. Words like that take longer to teach. Imagine if you were visiting a friend and they told you to jump. Why would you? What's in it for you if you jump? You were just standing there, now your friend tells you to jump. Now if someone said chocolate to me, I'd be right there. I'd even jump for it.

Another hurdle is that at adulthood, dogs have the maturity level of about a human three-year-old child. It takes time and patience for a

three-year-old child to learn things. So, why do we expect our dog (or a young pup) to learn faster than a child? That's just not realistic! We often make training harder than it should be and get frustrated because we expect our dog to learn faster than what they are capable of.

Loose leash walking is another hurdle. I always tell my students that teaching your dog to walk nicely on a leash is going to be the hardest thing for them to learn. In most cases, it takes months. So why is this so hard? It's because it's not natural for dogs to walk next to anything. If you watch dogs when they are off leash, they will come together, check each other out, sniff the ground, and then go their own way. A few may come back together to check something out or have a game of chase and then break it off. You will not see two dogs walking shoulder to shoulder down the green space. That's a human thing. It's what we do. We walk side by side and have a conversation with each other. Dogs don't do that. They can't figure out, for the life of them, why we don't want to sniff the ground or go run and play when there are so many exciting things to check out.

Dogs have the most incredible noses, which pose another hurdle. They can pick up scents from kilometers away. An intact male can pick up the scent of a female in heat from 3 kms away. They know who or what has walked by earlier. For



them, when they pick up the scent of something really interesting, it would be like us trying to track something that we're trying to catch a glimpse of. So exciting!

I remember one time when Molly (a Golden who is no longer with us) and I were performing with the Woofjocks Canine Allstars at Canada's Wonderland. My kids (who were adults) were there to watch the show. I was very concerned that Molly might pick up their scent while we were on stage and sure enough, she did. She jumped right off the stage, only to be quickly surrounded by a group of children who wanted to pat her. Fortunately, she loved children, but she was determined to find her family.

Training is not easy because we make it hard. We treat our dogs as if they are human beings, capable of learning like we do. That's not fair to them. They are not human; they are a domesticated animal. They don't communicate verbally and don't have the mental ability to understand our language, only a selection of words. We ask them to do things which aren't important to them and make no sense. In a nutshell, we set our expectations too high and forget that they are dogs.

When training your dog, put yourself in their paws. Understand and accept their limitations. Have patience. Learn what motivates them and don't make so much white noise. All they want to do is make us happy, so let's help them by realizing what it's like to be a dog.

By Lynda Kitson

Lynda Kitson is the owner of Who's Walking Who Dog Training Centres with locations in Ajax and The Beach (Toronto) ~ www.whoswalkingwho.ca. She lives with her husband Vaughan and three Golden Retrievers, Augie #2623, Star, and their newest addition, Tula.



LINDA WITH AUGIE #2623, STAR & TULA



GOLDEN SMILES

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LEVI #3232



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Please make sure you tell us who's who and their rescue numbers.

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MEET & GREET



Barney #3243

If you were to ask Barney what his name is, he'd tell you it is 'my beautiful boy' because that's what he hears most often. We adopted him two years ago and he is absolutely that... our beautiful boy. We brought Barney home on October 27, 2019. He was undernourished and had worms. He is intelligent, cautious, and dominant. He knew a number of commands like 'sit', 'lie down', and 'give a paw' but he also came with some bad manners such as food/toy guarding, destructive chewing, and humping. He bit my husband when he went to take something from his mouth. At mealtimes, I used to sit

on the floor with his bowl of food and hand feed him one mouthful at a time. We quickly progressed so that he was sitting waiting for his food and accepting my youngest daughter, Emily, as his feeder. Barney is an intelligent boy and he learned very quickly that love, not war, was the way forward. I'm happy to say that with time and patience (as well as earning his trust), he no longer guards his food and will allow us to take anything from him. He is still mischievous and will take things that aren't his, like socks and hats, but he now brings them to us to show-off that he's got them and now will instantly lie on his back and allow us to take it with the command 'release'. Barney is a well-travelled boy. Before COVID, we went on several road trips to Myrtle Beach and Quebec City. He also loves camping. My husband loves craft beer and so does Barney. Barney is in his happy place visiting a brewery and lapping up a few drips of beer. Having Barney has been a life-changing experience for our family. There is something about getting a rescue and seeing them transform to achieve their full potential that brings joy to our souls. He means everything to us...our beautiful boy Barney.

Helen

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Set camera/phone to highest settings and don't make smaller or compress for email. **Please send to:** photos@goldenrescue.ca
Please make sure you tell us who's who and their rescue numbers.

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GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"Big deal guys, I'm in...NOW What?"

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Poor, sweet Rosie was 10 years old when she was dropped off at a horse rescue. This resilient girl was used as a breeding machine and at it was obvious she had just had another litter. Golden Rescue was called and they picked her up immediately. Rosie had mange and horrible red skin with scabs on her teats from recent weaning. She was a sad girl indeed when we fostered her. Our vet nicknamed her Golden Girl as she was so gentle and sweet. It was obvious she had also had had a mild stroke with facial muscle loss but no signs of pain or additional risks. We took Rosie into her home to foster but very soon we became a foster-failure and adopted this lovely girl. Her neurology makes her twirl at times but we sing Ring Around the Rosie with her when that happens. Her skin has healed, her fur is back, and she is living a peaceful, happy life in her golden years and we couldn't be happier to share her life with ours.

Janet & Richard



MEET ROSE #3791

MEET & GREET

Bubba #3808

When we first met this beautiful little tripod, he was only 22 lbs. He was very timid and shy. We had three vet appointments for this little guy and he had to be placed on a special, high-calorie, easily-digestible food to put on weight and stop the diarrhea. We had him on special medication for 21 days to get his digestive tract in better health. Now after a month and a half, he is up to 30 lbs, walking and running better, and showing his true personality. When Bubba met our cats, he took to our orange kitty right away. Peter, our other cat, would swat at Bubba to tell him to back off and Bubba would swat Peter back, almost like he was a cat too, probably thinking it was a game. Now they play together all the time swatting and chasing each other. When we first brought Bubbs home, he did not know what to think of snow. He would be outside shivering and I had to put on one of the cat's Christmas sweaters to keep him warm. Now he has no issues running around in the snow and he eats snow like a little kid. At first, Bubba was quite timid and fearful of loud noises. Christmas came and he had to deal with lots of noises. I thought he would be fearful and hide, but it seemed like the louder the better ~ he wanted to be right in the middle of all the action. He met other dogs over the holidays and he became very playful and would get sassy and bark and chase and swat at them like he does with our cat. At the dinner table, he thinks its a free-for-all under the table. He is not looking for table droppings...he is looking to lick toes and nibble on feet to play with him. One of us likes Bubba's sassiness. Another one of us likes his playfulness and cuddliness and we all love his soft ears and the way they get curly when they are wet. I love when I get up in the morning or come home, being greeted by him and his excitement. He came along in our lives at just the right time. It gave our family a new focus other than COVID. Thank you to Golden Rescue for this adoption and letting us raise this playful, kind little boy.

Krista



BUBBA #3808

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"Some things never get old kid."

How To Manage Leash Aggression

For many of us, walking our dog is a pleasant and enjoyable experience. With our dog on leash, we walk the neighbourhood, forest trails or wherever we choose and our dog walks happily with us, occasionally stopping to smell the earthy scents along the way. We both enjoy our time outdoors and our walk.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case and, for some of us, the experience is unpleasant and stressful. Some of our dogs experience what's called 'leash aggression', which leads to a much more challenging walk for both the human and the dog. Leash aggression happens when you are walking your dog on a leash and everything is fine until they see another dog, person, bird, squirrel or other distraction...and then your dog pulls sharply on the leash and barks, lunges or, in some cases, will try to attack the distraction. Often, it's caused by a previous experience being attacked by another dog that creates this fear and anxiety and makes them react when they see something that reminds them of that bad experience. This, in turn, can trigger the dogs fight or flight instinct and, just like a wild animal, if they can't run away, it feels like their only choice is to attack. The instinct can also be triggered by human error using the leash if we keep it too tight while walking our dog. When the leash is too tight, the dog feels like it can't get away, so it has to attack every distraction it encounters. What makes it want to attack another dog? Well, often we let the dog out in front of us on the leash and the dog is now in the lead position and pulling on a tight leash. This is triggering two different states ~ one is the feeling that they need to protect us, their human, from any perceived threat and the other

is the instinct that they can't run away so they have to attack.

Some rescue dogs have spent time on the streets defending themselves in the wild, which brings with it added challenges that must also be overcome. This can be done with lots of love, patience, and consistency. It's also important to remember that some dogs bark at other dogs and lunge towards them not aggressively but for socialization because they want to go see them. It's important to identify what your dog's intentions are and then act appropriately.

Another helpful tip to reduce leash aggression when walking your dog is to exercise them first for about 20 minutes before walking them. It's important to note that walking is not exercising, it is training! To really exercise your dog, you need to get them running. This removes all of the excited energy that they have pent up from being inside and they can also go to the bathroom before you begin your walk. This will help reduce the aggression that your dog may feel when approaching distractions because they will be tired from previous exercise.

After the exercise, but before you take your dog on a walk, it is important to do some focus exercises with them before you actually start your walk. Having your dog's full attention focused on you before you even start your walk can make all the difference in their leash aggression and can often eliminate it completely because with the dog's attention on you, they feel less anxious because they trust that you will lead them well and not into danger. And they will also be too



PETER WITH BRUNO #3496

busy focusing on you during the walk and will be less likely to become leash aggressive when they encounter distractions.

FOCUS is crucial with training. You must have your dog's full attention before starting any training session or walk. It is like when a teacher walks into the classroom and the papers are flying around and the kids are all noisy. The teacher doesn't just start the class. First, they say... attention...attention, and when all calms down and eyes are on the teacher, then the class begins... and for a very important reason ~ if the students are not paying attention to the teacher, then they

are not learning anything. This is what focus work is all about and starts by leading your dog.

Focus work should not take more than a few minutes. Begin by focusing them first inside your home. You want to have their full attention on you before going outside. Some focus techniques include walking back and forth quickly in different directions with your dog beside you on the leash. Pat your hip and use lots of motivation and praise to get them to follow you and focus their attention completely on you. You want to change directions often so that your dog learns to focus on you and the direction you are going. Avoid too much repetition which quickly becomes boring for your dog. Once you have their full attention and they are following your direction, then you are ready to begin your walk.

When beginning a walk, if your dog goes to the wrong side of you, direct them to the correct side. **VERY IMPORTANT: HOLD YOUR SPOT!** Gently guide your dog back to the correct spot and loosen the leash. Use a lot of motivation, pat the side of your leg while saying things like, "Let's go, good girl" or "This side, good boy". Follow up with love and praise once they have reached the correct side. You want your dog to know that being beside you is good and where they want to be.

While having your dog at your side on a loose leash, at some point they will see another dog, person or other distraction and its ears will perk up like satellite dishes, their whole body will go stiff, and their tail will be up and possibly wagging. If you see this body posture and you sense that they are about to become aggressive, then start by gently touching the inside of your dog's back leg with the back of your hand. This represents another dog's nose going in to sniff your dog's groin, which is the universal

dog-to-dog greeting and no matter what your dog is interested in at the time, when you touch that spot, they will turn and divert and look at you. This should help distract your dog from their aggressive response to the encounter and allow you to continue walking by the other dog.

The distraction may only last for a second but in that second you can lead the dog away using lots of praise, a high-pitched voice saying, "Okay, let's go" and continually patting your hip beside the dog so they know where they are supposed to go. If the dog does not follow you and turns back to the distraction and continues to bark, lunge and/or growl, then you're going to use the drop and turn technique. The drop and turn with a loose leash technique is the best way to keep your dog from triggering their fight or flight instinct and becoming aggressive when walking with you on their leash.

This is a very important technique to utilize, especially when you're out on a walk. If your dog is distracted and becomes aggressive while walking on a leash, it is useful to refocus them back to you quickly and get their mind off of what is agitating them. Whether it is a dog, cat, a leaf blowing by or a child, you can capture your dog's focus quickly and effectively with the drop and turn technique. During your walk when you encounter something that triggers them, simply drop the middle of the leash while holding on to the handle with your other hand so that they are now on a loose leash, turn and walk in the other direction from where the dog is pulling. Keep your hands with the leash down at your waist. Your dog will get to the end of the leash and will not be able to go any further. At this point, pat your side and use lots of motivation telling your dog, "Let's go" and "This way" in an excited, high-pitched voice while you continue to lead the

dog away from the distraction. Keep using this technique until your dog is focused on you and follows you away from the distraction. Once they do, give them lots of praise and keep walking!!!

**By Peter Brown, Owner
and Professional
Dog Trainer at
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MEET & GREET Penny #3875

When my last Golden crossed the Rainbow Bridge suddenly in 2020, I knew my life would always suffer her loss. She was only eight and in good health and when she died of



a heart attack right in front of me, I wondered if I could ever love again. I put my name on waitlists but I really didn't want a puppy. Lucky for me, GR reviewed my adoption application and suggested an Istanbul Golden, Penny, who was flying to Vancouver. Penny came into my life in January and she is the perfect girl for me. She is spreading the message of rescue to everyone she meets... and what a spokes-girl she is ~ loved by everyone she meets.

Joan

Desperately Losing Hope of Finding Their Forever Families

Every now and then, we find ourselves really worried about the future of some of our rescued Golden Retrievers. We successfully rehomed 423 Golden Retrievers last year but so far, we have been unable to find these seven beauties their well-deserved forever families.

The situation is dire and we urgently need solutions for them. Yes, each have their quirks and require a particular family; however, every single one of them, despite their foibles, love people and are fantastic companions who deserve a second chance.

They desperately need your help so please share this with every dog lover you know.



Shirley #3484

Loyal & loving to a female leader...cautious of men & other dogs...needs patience & love to feel safe in new surroundings

[Click here](#) for Shirley's video or [here](#) for her bio



Lucie #3776

A 'working girl'...smart, curious, sweet & loving...needs a strong & active leader...not a laying-about girl

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Ebony #3825

Handsome, highly intelligent boy who loves people & other dogs...can be a bit too energetic...enthusiastic & full of joy

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Olaf #3835

Loving, sweet & cuddly boy with people...not well socialized with other dogs so needs to be a backyard boy...totally happy playing by himself or with his family

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Matt #3915

A sweetie pie but timid/cautious...is a loving mush-ball...loves other dogs once he gets over his nervousness of new situations

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Ben #3916

Big, handsome, funny dude still in the puppy stages...requires a strong leader to continue his training...robust, enthusiastic & very loving

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Thelma #3928

Duck Toller/Golden mix...independent but loyal to a strong female...tolerates or ignores men & dogs...best as a one-woman dog to lead a quiet life

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Please consider adopting one of these Golden retrievers who desperately needs a home by emailing: adoption@goldenrescue.ca.

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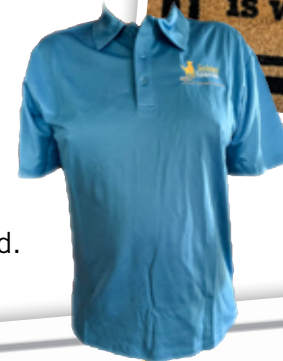
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Golden Water Safety

The summertime is a great time to enjoy the water with your Golden; however, it's important to recognize water hazards. Whether you head to the pool, the beach, the lake or out for a boating adventure, let's ensure you and your Golden have smooth sailing in waters of all kinds.

Swimming: Give your dog time to acclimate by slowly easing them into deep water. Throwing a toy (soft frisbee would be best) into the water would be a good way to start, tossing it progressively farther from shore or the shallow end of the pool until your Golden seems comfortable with the activity. Stay away from sticks since they have sharp ends and serious injury has occurred from dogs pouncing on the sharp end of a stick. Playfully tossing your Golden into water can be traumatizing and is never a safe or smart way to introduce them to swimming. Remember to remove their collar, especially the chain or slip-ons because they can snag on hidden underwater branches, plants, etc. Golden retrievers, just like humans, can suffer from hypothermia in cold water. The general rule is that if you need to get out of the water because you are getting cold, so do they. Never leave your Golden alone in the water. Swimming can be more tiring than running, so watch for signs of fatigue, including trembling, heavy panting, and/or swimming lower in the water or slower than usual. Keep in mind that a dog the size of a Golden can drown a human if they panic (in particular small humans or poor swimmers). Jumping into deep water to help them by swimming next to them puts you at risk. Instead, use a calm voice and guide them to a location where you can get them out of the water safely.

After swimming, some dogs are sensitive to skin rashes and swimmer's ear. As soon as possible, rinse them off with clean fresh water and if you know they have sensitive skin, bathe them with shampoo to get all the chemicals, bacteria, and other contaminants off their skin and fur. Towel dry thick areas well (like around their scruff) and watch for hot-spots. Dry their ears completely to prevent an infection. Try an ear cleaner, specifically formulated for dogs, that has a drying agent in it. Also, consider learning Canine CPR. Mouth-to-nose resuscitation and chest compressions could save a dog's life in an emergency.

The Pool: Always supervise water activities and teach your Golden how to get in and out of a pool. Make sure there are steps or a ramp they can use to easily get out of the pool. Check the water temperature before letting your Golden take a dip. Only a few breeds can handle extra cold water. And in the winter, keep a sturdy cover over your pool.

The Beach: Use caution when taking your Golden to the beach. Though it sounds great in theory, the beach is not always the best playground for a dog. Sand can be very challenging to get out of a long coat and dogs don't know to avoid stepping on jellyfish or broken shells. Dog beaches may also be teeming with roundworm eggs among other parasites. Never let them swim out too far to be taken by the current. Remember, if it's not safe for you to swim, it's not safe for them either. Keep the wave height, currents, and bacterial levels in mind.



OAKLEY #2071

Boating: Consider having your Golden wear a lifejacket. These flotation devices are a great safety precaution, but require some getting used to, so best to try one out on your dog on land or poolside. If your Golden falls overboard, point at him continuously in the water so as not to lose their position. Dogs cannot wave at you and don't know to scream for help. If you're in the boat at night, make sure they stay confined inside the boat.

Lakes, Rivers & Streams: Keep your Golden out of water that you wouldn't swim in yourself. Beware of toxic algae blooms, submerged objects (on which a dog could be impaled), and areas guarded by aggressive wildlife. Steer clear of bodies of water with blue-green algae ~ it can make them sick. Check the current of a river or a creek. Make sure it isn't too strong. Don't permit your dog to harass water fowl or local wildlife. While your Golden may love rolling in stinky fish and other things that wash up on shore, they shouldn't eat them. Dead fish and other marine life can contain deadly toxins.

Enjoy the summer (and the water) with your Golden...and stay safe!

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9-week-old female adopted by Cindy & Chris

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Bella #3934

5-year-old female adopted by Elizabeth & Paul

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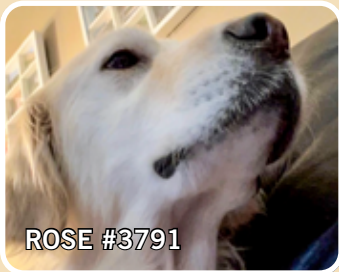
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6-year-old female adopted by Cynthia & Mark

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Macy #3862

1-year-old female adopted by Kerim & Chris

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9-week-old female adopted by Sara

Maple #4021

9-week-old female adopted by Samantha & Ryan

Marshall #3881

2-year-old male adopted by Kim & Peter

Max #3869

10-year-old male adopted by Jennifer & Robert

Max #3931

4-year-old male adopted by Ryan

Meadow #3966

4-year-old female adopted by Judy

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2-year-old male adopted by Sara & Mitchell

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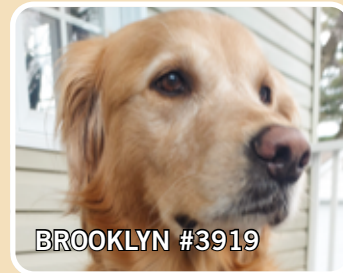
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2-year-old female adopted by Ashley & Brendan

Welcome home Golden!



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RAYDER #3952

Cairo #3766

Hello...my name is Cairo. I'm a Golden and I'm around two years old. I recently travelled from Egypt to Canada on a large plane, thanks to Golden Rescue. Wow, what a long trip that was. When I arrived in Toronto, I was introduced to my new parents. I was so happy to see them, especially when they gave me food and water (like I said, it was a l-o-n-g trip). When we finally got home, I met my new sisters, Bailey and Blondie. They are seven-and-a-half-year-old English Golden Retrievers and they are really nice. When I was in Egypt, I lost part of my back left foot so stairs were a challenge for me. Everyone was so patient helping and teaching me and now I have mastered them like a stair expert. I really love Canadian food and I am very polite. My sisters and I sit side-by-side and wait for our treats and sometimes mom or dad will give us each a very small piece of their toast in the morning. I enjoy my walks and I am really great with the leash. My sisters are bigger and faster than me (they have four good legs), so mom takes them much farther than me for now. When I'm at home, I have to make sure that I'm close to dad, so I follow him around a lot. We love to watch football together. Mom and dad are trying to find me a prosthetic for my foot. They said it will really help me walk, especially with those stairs. I have some trouble on the hardwood and tile floors, I find them slippery, but I am great on carpet or outside. I am young and invincible now; however, dad says my hips and knee will get sore when I get older if I don't get that foot thingy. I love my new family and am so grateful to everyone at GR for getting me to Canada. I am the luckiest Golden in the world!

حَبْن (that's Arabic for bark)



MEET & GREET



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Ripley #3739

Ripley is doing wonderfully. She is perhaps the friendliest, cuddliest Golden we have ever met. She has made friends with almost everyone on the street and greets everyone we come across asking for cuddles. You rarely find her without a toy in her mouth (an adjustment for us, because our last dog wasn't really into toys) but she is OBSESSED and she has several of them surrounding her while she sleeps. She has put on weight and outgrown her gangly puppy legs. Her coat has also filled in. She looks much more like a Golden now! Our cats still won't give her the time of day, but she has made friends with our parent's cat and she loves as many walks a day as she can get ~ especially when they're in snow!

Liz, Chris, Simon & Morgan

Upcoming Events

Join us, have fun, and help Golden!

We are super excited to be resuming 'LIVE' events, where our special Golden can once again help us spread the GOLDEN word! We need YOU ~ volunteers and visitors! See below for a list of confirmed events. If you are interested in volunteering with your Golden for a few hours, click here to send an email to our events team. Indicate which event(s) you would like to help with and the hours you are available. Tell your friends, mark your calendars, and hope to see you soon!

June 11 ~ 9 am – 2 pm

Haney Farmer's Market (Coquitlam, BC)

June 12 ~ 9 am – 4:30 pm

Courtice Flea Market (Courtice, ON)

June 18 & 25 – 10 am – 2 pm

UBC Farm Saturday Market (Vancouver, BC)

July 30 ~ 10 am – 7 pm

Huntsville Muskoka Summer Market (Huntsville, ON)

September 19 & October 29 & November 14 ~ 10 am – 2 pm

UBC Farm Saturday Market (Vancouver, BC)

October 14 – 16 ~ times TBD

Bala Cranberry Festival (Bala, ON)

December 3 & 4, 10 & 11, 17 & 18 ~ 10 am – 6 pm

The Oshawa Markets (Oshawa, ON)

Help Us Help Golden – CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

Golden Rescue continues to grow and evolve...and we're looking for volunteers! Might that be you? We run solely with volunteers ~ a wonderfully dedicated group sharing a common vision to safeguard the well-being of every Golden in our care. Our work is hugely rewarding and we would love to hear from you. We currently have needs in a number of areas.

Vet Onboarding Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to join our Vet Onboarding Team. This role is critical for finding new supporting veterinarians. Supporting vets offer a variety of services and discounts and, as a registered charity, these arrangements are essential for us to continue our high level of Golden care. Besides being personable with great communication skills, you need to be persistent and have strong follow-through skills. We will train you on how best to approach vets and explain the mutually beneficial reasons to support us. We already have over 60 supporting vets, so the story is not a hard one to relate. You work from home from anywhere in Canada via email and telephone.
Time commitment: 5-10 hours per month

Transport Coordinator ~ British Columbia

Golden retriever

We need a passionate Golden lover on our Transport Team. You will arrange the transporting of Golden in British Columbia from our extensive list of avid transport volunteers. The main requirement is frequently checking emails in order to ensure prompt service to our Operations Team. You will be provided with all the tools, training, and support you need to achieve these goals.

If you are interested in either role, please contact:
teamresources@goldenrescue.ca



You are invited to
**GOLDEN RESCUE'S
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

Friday, June 24, 2022 ~ 6:30 pm
Viamede Resort ~ Kawartha Room

595 Mt. Julian Viamede Road, Woodview, ON K0L 3E0
(1/2 hour north of Peterborough)

Refreshments will be served.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to
board@goldenrescue.ca

MEET & GREET BOOMER #3697



What a wonderful life it has been since Boomer arrived in our lives! From the moment he began his wobbly walk down the ramp, goey eyes and all, we were in love. We can't say he felt the same because he was being shifted from one new and scary situation to another. I'm sure the hour-long drive to his new home was as terrifying as the 11+ hours he spent in a crate not knowing where he was going. We can only imagine his relief when we walked him to our back yard and let him explore his new surroundings. What an

amazing experience that first 24 hours was. We saw subtle signs of relaxation as he went from a very guarded posture to eventually rolling over fully on his back waiting for a belly rub. We were amazed at the difference in his appearance overnight. Three months later and you wouldn't recognize him. Amazing what a good diet, exercise, love, and veterinary care can do! Our vet actually called Boomer "perfect". We couldn't agree more! During the first week we had Boomer, he had no idea what to do with a toy although many surrounded him. He just didn't know he was allowed to pick them up and play with them in his own fashion. But after a visit from our grand-golden, Waylon, who does know how to play with toys, Boomer realized those funny shaped things were his. He now goes to Boomer's toy box and gets what he wants, when he wants. He is such a good boy and a quick learner. We are so proud of him. Two other things that we do know for sure. One ~ he loves us and is devoted to us. Two ~ he dislikes squirrels. It has been such a wonderful experience watching him transform from a scrawny, hesitant boy into a strong and healthy Golden. Thank you for making this all happen and rest assured that Boomer will never want for anything for the rest of his life.

Judi & Ken

Memories in Motion

COAST TO COAST – 2022

Join us as we walk 'Across Canada' on October 1, 2022. From British Columbia to the Maritimes, we will be hosting walk-a-thons in communities across the country to raise money! You can set up your own fundraising page on CanadaHelps or create a team. More details to follow.

We are looking for more people to be 'Retriever Leaders' and lead a walk with a group of people and their furkids on your favourite hiking trail in your area.

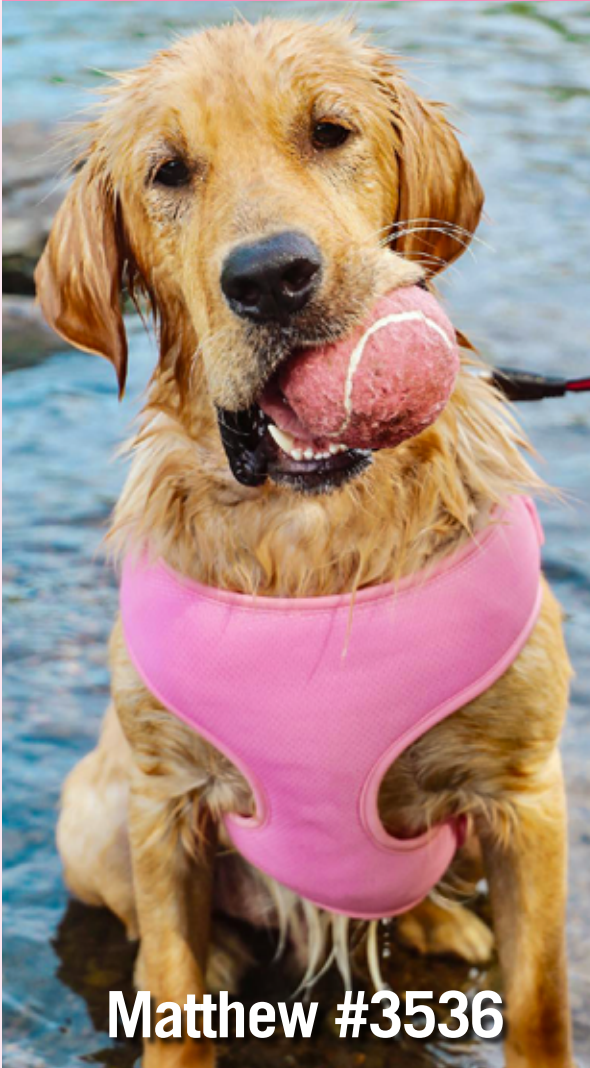
Not in Canada but want to join in? No problem! You can do this anywhere in the world!

Email fundraising@goldenrescue.ca for more info.

Sounds like fun? We think so too!



MEET & GREET



When the volunteers at the airport came out holding the collar and leash we had prepared as part of Matthew's welcome home package, our hearts skipped a beat. We knew it was our turn. We had prepared as much as we could, but nothing prepares you for that first moment you lay your eyes on, and wrap your arms around, your new best friend. Our lives changed in that moment. The transformation we have witnessed in Matthew is truly awe-inspiring. Matthew has evolved from an underweight and demeaned dog to the goofiest, most excitable boy. Matthew is very sensitive and intuitive ~ he has these big puppy eyes that look up at us for comfort. The trust he has placed in us is so rewarding. As Matthew's physical form started to fill-out, his eyes began to sparkle and he now beams with happiness. We still see him trying to express himself and his delight each and every day. He asks to go out to the patio at night to relax on the lounge chair for hours, even in the colder air. He is obsessed with other dogs and is the ambassador for my pack-walking dog business where he gets to play in a field with 6-8 other dogs each day. He brings so many smiles to so many faces. He even gives hugs if he likes you. He has brought an incredible amount of love, enjoyment, and comfort to our family. We are thankful that Golden Rescue and the volunteers in Cairo found him just for us. Opening our home and our hearts to Matthew has been truly the greatest blessing. The ways in which Matthew has flourished is every reason to rescue.

Hannah, Taylor & Marsha

GOLDEN NUGGETS

Quotes from Potential Adopters

We get a lot of great answers/comments on our adoption applications ~ some are hilarious, some are touching, and some are simply pure gold. Take a peek...

Why do you want to adopt a rescue Golden?

- Why? The ears, the smiles, the floof, the flowing locks, the goofy-love-bug-ness, the snuggles and assertive cuddles and kisses, the sprawling on the bed, the prances, the outrageously inappropriate morning alarm clock, the backyard sunshine hangouts, the meadow hikes, the beach days playing in the surf, the stick hunting...we can go on!
- I love all dogs whether they are small or large, young or old. I may not remember your name when we are introduced, but I will always remember your dog's name.
- I live in a beautiful area of trails and lakes. Any dog who becomes a part of my family will be included in all activities like walking, hiking, camping, boating, and just cuddling on the couch.
- Everyone who knows me, knows that I believe dogs are your life and your world adapts to them.
- I have a calm, loving nature and lead a simple life. My Golden would always know they are loved and protected until their last breath.

The Story of Eros

This beautiful soul travelled from Istanbul to join our family. Found sickly and injured on the street as a puppy, her left front leg could not be saved. She arrived at the Toronto airport in the bitter cold with snow flying and tears falling! Eros was escorted by her flight companion, Tolga Sag, who is a well-known Turkish musician. Tolga generously paid for Eros' airport fees and stayed with her until the moment she was placed into our arms. We will always remember his kindness and that of the airport greeters. They were clearly all vested in bringing Eros to her new Canadian forever family.

There was fear and confusion in her eyes but I will never forget seeing her tail wag as she settled into the cozy bed we had made her in the car for the ride home. After a big drink, it didn't take much time for her body to relax while we petted her and made our way home.

Once home, we brought her big sister Poppy out to meet her. Poppy is our 100 lb 4.5-year-old Rottweiler mix who, despite her looks, is very nurturing and protective and these qualities were apparent when they met and have continued to shine. Poppy leads Eros outside, constantly checking on her, and she does the same in the house. Poppy is teaching Eros and Eros trusts Poppy. It's wonderful to watch this friendship blossom. Our 15-year-old Golden, Bella, also quickly accepted her as well. All three sleep and play harmoniously together and introducing Eros to them could not have gone any better. Additionally, we have a 3-year-old male tabby cat, Ricky, who is blind. It took about a week of him getting closer and closer to Eros until he too completely



accepted her into the pack and Eros has been as sweet with him as with our other dogs.

Like with any new baby, we have spoiled her with new toys and beds. She even has an elevated bed next to ours so she can sleep close to us without having to compete with Poppy for space. Despite offering Eros some high-quality kibble, she has decided she prefers home cooking. We were happy for her to get a clean bill of health and to learn that she has put on six pounds.

Eros has stolen our hearts and gets lots of love and attention from our children and the rest of our family and friends. Her sweet demeanor, quirky smile, and ever-wagging tail is a true joy to witness. We had attempted to adopt in the past but none of those attempts were successful. In our hearts, we think this was because we were meant to wait for Eros. We chose to keep her name to honour her story and I don't think it is a coincidence that she is named after the son of the Goddess of love as she is full of love to share!



The effort and coordination of all the moving parts to make this happen was incredible. We can not wait to do this again and encourage our family and friends to rescue a Golden or donate to help another Golden make the journey to live their best lives!

Barb & Dan



MEET & GREET

**Gloria #3840,
Anderson #3841 &
Cooper #3847**

This trio is absolutely fabulous. Gloria was in heaven when she saw all the toys we had around the house. All three like playing with the toys but she likes them the best. Anderson is a chewer ~ cables, rope, rocking chair legs, towels, blankets, leashes, carpets...anything he can sink his teeth into. Cooper keeps them both in-line with a look if their play gets too rough. He quietly goes and stands between them to break it up. Or, if Gloria appears to have a problem with her ears, he takes it upon himself to lick them for her. He takes his father role quite seriously. They are starting to learn a lot of commands like 'sit', 'wait', 'off', 'good boy/girl', and 'down'. Anderson has started obedience training and they have adjusted to our time zone ~ thank heavens! Gloria and Anderson smile a lot. Cooper has not smiled yet...a mission for us! They like being washed and groomed and we can touch them all over with no issues. They are our Three Musketeers who are settling into their new Canadian life really well. We are so happy and grateful, as is our dynamic trio.

Linda & Reino



MEET & GREET

Fuzz #3668

Hi...my name is Fuzz. Golden Rescue's shelter partner in Cairo found me. I was not getting enough food or water and I was thin and had very little fur when I came to Canada. I am very affectionate, particularly with men. In fact, when I came down the ramp at the airport, I trotted right by my new mom and went straight to my new dad and gave him a nuzzle. I'm very gentle with small dogs and tolerate big dogs. But, if they growl at me, I won't back down because I'm a big boy too. My new family think that I was a pack leader as I have a lot of self confidence. I love meeting people on our walks and everyone thinks I am calm and gentle. But they don't know how rambunctious and mischievous I can be at home. I play a mean game of tug and I love to chase my new dad around and around the living room. My favourite game is fetch. I love to run and chase a ball or frisbee and I'm good about bringing them back, but I haven't quite got the hang of dropping them so they can be thrown again. The prospect of going for a car ride gets me very excited. My family take me everywhere and I especially like going to the cottage where I get to run around and explore. Unfortunately, I get very upset in the car when I see a big truck coming towards us. This is behaviour that I'm working on. I had a few medical issues when I first arrived in Canada and I needed an operation. Golden Rescue made sure that I saw a very caring vet. Now, I have recovered completely and I'm a big, strong, loving, energetic boy. Thank you, Golden Rescue, for giving me a new life and a new family in this beautiful country.

Pat & Ian

GOLDEN RESCUE ONLINE 50-50 CASH LOTTERY

Have a backyard makeover planned? A new deck? Pool? Or just want to get away for a few days to celebrate summer? Our summer 50/50 Cash Lottery is underway! Will it be you we call as the winner of our jackpot?

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

www.goldenrescue5050.ca

JACKPOT DRAW DATE: JUNE 24TH

We are still looking for cash/gift card donations for our Early Bird draws. If you can help, please email 5050@goldenrescue.ca

Lottery License #RAF1204617



**Scan here
TO BUY
TICKETS!**

GOODBYE MAY, HELLO JUNE!
50/50 CASH LOTTERY 
The days get longer, the sunsets more Golden.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21
May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28
May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4
June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11
June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25
June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	June 31	July 1

MEET & GREET

Benji #3456

Benji was being cared for by GR's behaviourist in order to learn our Canadian ways as he had some issues that he came upon honestly on the streets of Cairo. We saw him on the GR website and we somehow knew he was our boy. Fortunately for us, GR and their behaviourist agreed that we might be a good fit so a meet and greet was set up...and our journey with Benji began. The first week was difficult but we stayed consistent with training instructions and Benji became the funny, loving, goofy Golden he is today. He has settled in so well and has his own comfy chair and bed and, as much as he loves being beside us, he also loves his own space from time to time. Everyone in the neighbourhood knows Benji and our polite, friendly little boy loves nothing more than to sit at the feet of our neighbours waiting for an ear rub before we continue on our walk. Thank you, Golden Rescue, for bringing Benji into our lives. We are not sure who rescued who because Benji has filled our lives with love, laughter, and kindness. He has truly made our lives whole!

Carol & Robert





AGENDA

- 9am:** Scavenger Hunt begins
- 10am:** Main Street Opens
 - Ask the Trainer with Peter Brown of Alpha Paws
 - Ask the Vet with Dr. Scott Bainbridge
 - Golden Turd Bingo Square sales
 - Raffle
 - Shutterpups Photos
 - Leave It or Steal It Challenge
 - Golden Rescue Store opens
 - Hike with Ben, Toby #2000 & Cobalt #3707
- 11am – 2pm:** Golden Turd Bingo
- 11:30am – 2pm:** Lunch
- 12pm:** Opening Ceremonies
- 1pm:** Games (Musical Mats/Guess Your Golden)
- 2:30pm:** Golden Rescue Pictionary
- 2pm:** Hike with Ben, Toby #2000 & Cobalt #3707
- 3pm:** Rainbow Bridge Memorial
- 3:30pm:** Best Dressed Contest
- 4pm:** Golden Turd Bingo, Raffle & Scavenger Hunt winners announced

30th Anniversary Picnic ~ TAKE 3

Join us for our PICNIC because IT WILL HAPPEN THIS YEAR and it will be a fantastic, fun-filled, fur-flying day for you and your Golden fuzz-balls! Join us for an action-packed, fun-filled Golden day!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

8 am – 4:30 pm at Viamede Resort
 595 Mt. Julian Viamede Road
 Woodview, ON K0L 3E0

If you have anything you can contribute to the raffle, please email: sa@goldenrescue.ca



Land'escapes

Please RSVP: picnic@goldenrescue.ca



When Mother Nature calls, it's time for Golden Turd BINGO

This year's picnic will be unique because there is a new game to 'doo-doo'. You choose a BINGO square and if a Golden at the picnic (or any furry picnic goer) chooses your real estate to do their business, then you are a winner.

How do you play this 'sweet' game?

- Participants can choose from 100 squares. The grid is 10 x 10 meters
- Each square is \$20
- Squares can be purchased online until Thursday, September 15th AND at the picnic until 11 am
- Participants can purchase multiple squares
- More than one participant CAN buy a square
- The event runs between 11 am and 2 pm
- No one can walk their dogs on a leash across the grid or purposely direct their dogs to the area to do their business
- The 'Poop Official' will record the squares where poop lands (the poop official's decision is final)
- In the event a single dog does their doo-doo in more than one square, only one square will be recorded as a win (the square with the largest amount of poop)
- The winnings will be calculated as a 50/50 draw ~ 50% of money collected will be awarded to the winner(s)

- Winners will also receive a 'Golden Turd BINGO Winner' certificate
- If NO poop lands on grid squares between 11 am and 2 pm on September 18th, all winnings will go to Golden Rescue ~ this is unlikely to occur, but it is necessary to mention
- The winner does NOT need to be present at the picnic to win.
- Cheques will be sent to the winner(s)

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? (you must complete both steps)

STEP 1: Participate by emailing events@goldenrescue.ca and provide your name and contact email. Choose your grid square(s).

STEP 2: E-transfer \$20 per square to: events@goldenrescue.ca. Please note 'Golden Turd' in the message line of your payment.



GOLDEN TURD BINGO

	B	I	N	G	O	T	U	R	D	S
1	B1	I1	N1	G1	O1	T1	U1	R1	D1	S1
2	B2	I2	N2	G2	O2	T2	U2	R2	D2	S2
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4	B4	I4	N4	G4	O4	T4	U4	R4	D4	S4
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10	B10	I10	N10	G10	O10	T10	U10	R10	D10	S10

Sweet & Spicy Kairo #3644

I would like to tell you about our girl, Kairo. She came to us with the name Apple from Cairo, Egypt, on a July 2021 flight. We were told she was approximately 11 months old and was not a street dog. She had lived in a home. When she arrived, it was clear that she had already had a litter of pups. It was also clear that Kairo was not a Golden mix! Shortly after we brought her home, we did DNA testing which revealed she is 75% Labrador Retriever and 25 % Brittany cross (we often joke that she is 25% Brittany Spears because of her sassy attitude LOL).

Before we adopted Kairo, we were a family of four with one cat and a male Golden Retriever. We decided that we wanted to adopt an international Golden due to the severely poor conditions in third world countries. We have also watched the videos on the GR website about how Golden Retrievers are turned out, living on the street and in the forest, not to mention the cruelties they face. We decided as a family that we wanted to provide an international Golden with a loving, stable, and caring home. Kai fit in immediately, from the ride home where she slept soundly in the back seat of the car, to the introduction to our 3-year-old Golden, Dexter. They became fast friends! Dexter was thrilled to have a playmate.

Our cat, Ginger, was not as impressed and initially Kairo chased her, barked at her, and jumped up on chairs/tables to try to get to her. We were constantly interceding between Kai and the cat. Interestingly, Dexter also put himself between the cat and Kai so she couldn't get her paws on her! With encouragement and positive praise for NOT chasing/harassing the cat, Kai

eventually chilled out and now she and Ginger lie together, pretty much in harmony, by the fireplace.

Kai was not housetrained when she came to us, but because she is so smart, she learned quickly that her place to do her business was outside. She does like to steal shoes every once in a while, but she has a strange habit of stealing clothes and continues to do so when she gets the opportunity! I once saw her running down the hallway with a pair of my jeans in her mouth! She took tops with straps and chewed them which led to a few workout tops/bras being tossed in the garbage. Without fail, every time we go in the hot tub, she collects my husband's clothes which he leaves neatly piled in the living room and sleeps on them until we come in. I have no idea if she stole clothes in Egypt but we find it pretty cute, provided she doesn't chew them. We take Kai and Dexter to the dog park almost every day. She has adapted and loves to run but barks at people who she perceives are alone at the park without a canine companion. We are working on her lunging at other dogs while on leash. Off leash, she is happy and willing to play with other dogs. She often sits at the base of a tree in the dog park for long periods of time hoping for a falling squirrel. She has also been known to try to climb trees (she is quite persistent).

We love that Kai is a strong dog! When she plays with Dexter, who is a much larger dog than her, she gives as good as she gets! There are numerous throwdowns, tackles, and chases but Kai doesn't give up and she seems to LOVE the challenge. Her transformation has been amazing.



She has gained weight and her coat is so soft now. She cuddles up to us on the couch and waits patiently for her treats, always taking them gently. She loves bananas and cashews. She is protective of her family and doesn't love when strangers come in the house, but she tries to be trusting of her humans that no one is going to hurt her. I think if Kai could talk, she would say she is right where she belongs with a family who adores her and spoils her rotten. I think that Kai is grateful to have Dexter by her side every day, on walks, on the couch, and on the bed. She seemed completely unfazed by the snow and didn't object to having us dress her up in slush suits and winter apparel. We are grateful to have Kai in our family. She is a combination of sweet and spicy but that's what we love about her!

Jacquie & Philip

URGENT! WE HAVE TO GET THEM OUT.



Temperatures approaching 50 degrees in Cairo ~ many Golden Retrievers simply won't survive the summer!

This spring we have rescued almost 100 Golden Retrievers from Egypt thanks to your generosity. We **WANT** to do more. We **NEED** to do more. We **WILL** do more, but we need your help once again.

Rescue never takes a break. Just ask our shelter partners in Cairo, who do an astounding job, but every year, no matter how hard they try, they lose dogs to Egypt's stifling heat. In a month or so, it will be 50 degrees there...barely survivable conditions for a Golden.

We are planning to bring at least 50 Golden Retrievers here in the next month...out of the blistering and life-threatening conditions.

As much as we hesitate to ask for your financial help again, we cannot do nothing, because we know how oppressive the conditions are, and we need your help.

Donations can be made by clicking any of the links below ~ give what you can or sponsor a Golden for \$1,500. Thank you so very much.

If you would like to adopt a beautiful and deserving Golden in June or July, please fill out an [adoption application](#) soon. If you have already submitted an application and are ready to adopt soon, let us know at adoption@goldenrescue.ca.

Click [here](#) to donate!